

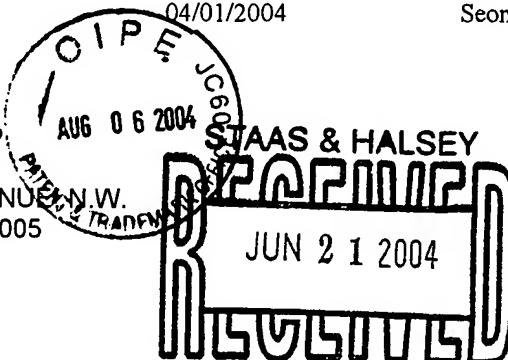


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
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- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$900** for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

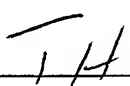
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| RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS | Attorney Docket No. | 1594.1435 |
| | Application Number | 10/814,796 |
| | Filing Date | April 1, 2004 |
| | First Named Inventor | Seong Wook JEONG et al. |
| | Group Art Unit | |

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| Title: | REFRIGERATOR AND DEFROSTING METHOD THEREOF |
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) and in response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed June 17, 2004 for the above-identified application, enclosed are the following:

- ☒ RETURN COPY of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application
- ☒ Executed Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney executed by the inventor(s) for completing the missing parts of the subject application. The undersigned registered attorney states that the subject application is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the attached Declaration.
- ☐ Formal Drawings (___ Sheets; Figs ____)
- ☐ English-language translation of application (with Translator's Statement (pages ___))
- ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status

Enclosed is a payment of the following:

- ☒ The filing fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$ 770.00
- ☐ The additional claim(s) fee (claims over 20) \$
- ☐ The additional independent claim(s) fee (claims over 3) \$
- ☐ Multiple dependent claims \$
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time (___-month) \$
- ☒ Assignment Recordation Fee \$40.00
- ☒ Surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) \$130.00
- SUBTOTAL FEES: \$940.00**
- ☐ Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.27) .00
- SUBTOTAL FEES: \$940.00**
- TOTAL FEES DUE: \$940.00**

Since the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application set an original due date of August 17, 2004, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110)); (2 months (\$420)); (3 months (\$950)); (4 months (\$1,480)); (5 months (\$2,010)):

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- ☒ Check enclosed as payment.
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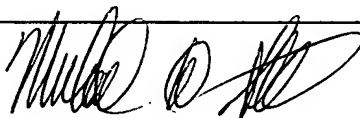
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- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 necessary to maintain pendency of the present application to:

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| Signature |  | Date | August 6, 2004 |